

Conference Gram

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40th Annual Meeting of WNCU UMW

September 6, 7, 8, 2013

Lake Junaluska



Joy Prim, Mission Intern



Janet Reep Morgan

Our Conference Annual Meeting is a *celebration* of United Methodist Women and the total program of mission that we are involved in as we seek to fulfill our PURPOSE. Including:

- Mission Speaker - Joy Prim
- Mission at Work - Presentation by Janet Reep Morgan
- Sharing from our National Mission Institutions: Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte & Winston-Salem, Bennett College, and Pfeiffer University
- Music leaders: Jane & Jim Smith, Susan Lisle
- Assembling UMCOR Cleaning Buckets
- Brainstorming Sessions
- Lunch with our missionary guests
- The ever popular...Funny Business!
- Late Night Entertainment!
- Singing at the Cross
- Sunday School



Register on-line at www.wncumw.org

“Dare to live.....dare to move on.....dare to start again!”



Vice-President – Tonya Lanier
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The Bible makes no bones about it – forty can be tough. We remember the children of Israel who wandered in the desert for forty years. Jonah declares to the people of Nineveh that after forty days they would face destruction. For forty days and nights the heavens opened and rain fell upon the earth in the days of Noah. Elijah, fearing for his life, fasts for forty days while journeying to the mount of God. And Christ fasts in the wilderness, alone, for forty days. So it goes without saying that forty can be rough. But let's not stop there.

Noah's hard time led to a new beginning and God's rainbow promise. Nineveh's saga concludes with God's mercy. The children of Israel were led to the Promised Land. Elijah endures fire, wind, and earthquake and hears the voice of God. Christ's wilderness experience ends with triumph over evil. Some say that 40 is a period of testing or probation that concludes with a period of restoration, revival or renewal. If that is the case, then it is OUR time. In September we will celebrate 40 years as The Western North Carolina Conference of United Methodist Women. God is ready to move us to the next level. This year, we rejoice in the rainbow, a new beginning and God's mercy, for a community of dedicated women. Come, help us celebrate!

The 2013 theme is "Moving On!" We are excited about our guest speakers, presenters and music leaders. From their unique gifts and talents, you are sure to be blessed in a special way. Read more about them on the following pages. Registration and program resources will be in the lower level of the Harrell Center.

Our celebration begins on Friday evening with a moving processional, worship, and two mission presentations. On Saturday morning we will conduct the important business of our organization to prepare for the coming year. This session will be followed by the much anticipated "funny business," where the accomplishments of the entire conference will be highlighted and celebrated. After a short recess, we will continue our "mission at work" segment. We will hear from our mission speaker Joy Prim, participate in our conference love offering, honor retired and active mission personnel, and share in our pledge service. Enjoy lunch with our mission guests at both the Terrace Hotel and the Lambuth Inn.

Saturday afternoon will be full of opportunities. After hearing a presentation by Janet Reep Morgan, you can attend one of two workshops: "Tools for Advocacy" **or** "Mission in a Modern Day World," **or** you can help assemble UMCOR cleaning buckets – the choice is yours. When we return on Saturday evening, we will hear from two of our mission institutions, dedicate the Annual Report Book, and install officers. Late night will follow in the Harrell Center Auditorium. This is a great time to witness "raw talent" at its finest!

On Sunday morning, your options include Sunday School, where a spiritual growth study on *Living Sacramentally* will be led by Reverend Alec Alvord, **or** Singing at the Cross, led by Virginia Robinson. We will conclude with worship, communion, memorial service, dedication of our hands-on Gift to Mission cards, and a message from our President, Mildred Carter. The UMW choir will also render a selection.

Your conference program committee has worked hard to plan an exciting and meaningful weekend. A special thanks to Maureen Carr and the Blue Ridge District for spending countless hours preparing for this time. We are all looking forward to welcoming you to your 40th Annual Meeting and making sure this trip is special!

We hope you come for the entire weekend but we will feel blessed to see you even if just for the day. Bring a friend! This experience may be just what your soul needs. With faith on our side and love in our hearts, the Western North Carolina Conference of United Methodist Women will continue to uplift our PURPOSE. Some say that the number 40 is used when God is ready to make a change in people or circumstances. The grace of God sustains and rewards faithful perseverance. If there is a spiritual significance in this number, we should get ready! Because He is going to do a greater thing!

Are you planning to sing in the UMW Choir at Annual Meeting?
Please plan to attend rehearsal in Stuart Auditorium on Friday evening
following the service **or** on Saturday at 12:30 – 1:15pm.
All are welcome!

2013 Annual Meeting: Special Mission Speakers – Special Music

Joy Prim ~ Mission Intern

Joy Prim is a mission intern of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church assigned as an outreach associate at the Filipino Migrant Center in Long Beach, California. Joy was commissioned in August 2011. Her international placement was with Mission for Migrant Workers in Hong Kong, where she worked primarily with women in crisis. Joy is currently serving The Filipino Migrant Center in Long Beach where she assists with case intake and follow-through, and helps to strengthen links with area churches and community organizations. Joy is a member of the United Methodist Church in Yadkinville. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Pfeiffer University, where she was a member for three years of the Teen/College Consultative Board of the Women's Division of Global Ministries, and was a founding member of the United Methodist Women organization at the university. In 2010, she went on a mission trip to Kenya with a group of persons she had never met before, learning lessons about relating to strangers that will help her as a mission intern. "During the trip, I gave to Christ what little control on my life I had and came home with a passion for justice and mission." Joy will share: *Jeepneys, Otobis, Eroplanos, and Mobiles: Following Christ into "Hidden" Communities.*

Janet Reep Morgan ~ Mission at Work

Janet grew up in Western Lincoln County on a dairy farm. She is a graduate with honors from Gardner–Webb University. She and her husband, James, live in Lincolnton. She is the proud step-mother to two grown sons. Janet is an active member of the United Methodist Women, the American Red Cross, the Col. Potter Cairn Terrier Rescue and Messiah United Methodist Church. Many of Janet's extended family have been team members of international mission teams including uncles, niece, nephews, brothers, fathers and her late mother. While Janet has been part of domestic mission efforts, her first experience outside of the United States was when she traveled to the Philippines as part of the United Methodist Women's Ubuntu Journey program in September 2012. She is a professional data and process analyst in Charlotte and is currently enrolled at Columbia College in South Carolina where she is pursuing her Master's Degree of Organizational Change and Leadership. Janet's presentation will be: *"6000 Miles and a Bag of Rice."*

Jane and James Smith ~ Musicians

Jane and James have been making music together for 45 years since they first met in choir at First United Methodist Church in Gastonia, North Carolina. Jane was a teenager "making eyes at" James across the church's chancel area. She convinced him it would be a good thing to date. The rest is a love story filled with over 40 years of marriage, two married sons, two exceptional daughters-in-law and three marvelous grandchildren. Jane currently serves as President of the Catawba Valley District United Methodist Women. James is a retired Executive Financial Officer. Jane has served in numerous roles in church leadership, including several mission trips to Africa and the Middle East. She is an accomplished alto in choral and solo work, and her hobbies include bowling, reading and Bible study. James is the Assistant Organist at First United Methodist Church in Gastonia. He is a CPA and is active on the Board of Trustees for Gaston College and a member of the Rotary Club of Gastonia. James sings bass and also plays in a swing band in Gastonia.

Susan Nussbaum Lisle ~ Pianist

Susan is currently the Music Associate at First United Methodist Church in Gastonia, North Carolina. She leads the older-elementary choir, accompanies the chancel choir, contemporary and youth choirs, and "rings" in the chancel handbell choir. Susan has a Bachelor of Music Degree from Wittenberg University and is originally from Dayton, Ohio. She is currently the president and music director at the local community theater in Gastonia, where she resides with her husband Ted. Their daughter, Meredith, is a Master's candidate at Towson University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Conference President – Mildred Carter
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How great it was to see many of you at our Spiritual Growth Retreat and at Mission u. I look forward to greeting you at our Annual Meeting in just a few weeks.

This issue of the Conference Gram will tell you that we have a great event planned with wonderful speakers and music leaders. Annual Meeting is also our business meeting of the year. Officers will be elected, the budget adopted, and we will celebrate the accomplishments of the Conference for 2012. We will have opportunities to live out our PURPOSE with worship and opportunities to expand our concepts of mission.

This is a good time of year to check the progress of your local unit in several areas. The Mission Today criteria is good to use to measure your progress.

- Has your unit given in all five channels of mission giving?
- Has your unit invited a District or Conference officer to a unit meeting or event?
- Has your unit participated in a hands-on mission project?
- Do you have members participating in the Reading Program?

If the answer is “no” to any of the above, you still have time to complete the requirements to help your unit become a Mission Today Unit in 2013.

This year, we have experienced many changes. Many of you have traveled longer distances to district meetings but you have experienced "radical hospitality" from the many Local Units who have hosted meetings. The District Teams have been creative and flexible as we adjusted to 8 districts. Thank you all for **Moving On!**

The United Methodist Women's journey in Christian mission has covered a lot of territory since our foremothers first organized for mission in 1869, but our work is not finished. The "least of these" especially women, children, and youth still have many needs. United Methodist Women continue to be called by God to put our faith, hope, and love into action to meet those needs. We continue to **Move On!**

May God bless each of you as you continue to minister to God's people through United Methodist Women.

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Special P.S. from Mildred:
Information is included in this newsletter about Assembly 2014. Lynne Gilbert and Sara Williams have arranged travel and hotel accommodations for us. Assembly is always an exciting event for United Methodist Women as we meet UMW sisters from everywhere, hear excellent presentations and wonderful music, and enjoy lots of displays and workshops. Assembly will be April 23 – April 28, 2014, in Louisville, Kentucky. Join us and help **Make It Happen!**

Assembly 2014
Louisville, Ky.

April 25-27

will you
MAKE IT HAPPEN?

Will you accept the call? Will you make it happen? Will you come to Assembly 2014?
Come expecting powerful worship, dynamic speakers and amazing music.
Come expecting to celebrate our Wesleyan heritage and to shape our future together.
Come expecting to talk about challenging and complex issues in a real way.
Just don't come expecting all the answers.
It's also about the questions.

- worship
- speakers
- workshops
- service
- networking
- Bible study
- and much more!

for women by women



Treasurer – Julia Willis

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**United Methodist Women of the Western North Carolina Conference
2013 Love Offering**

A Gift to Mission in Honor of the 8 New Districts of the WNCC



Mission Giving to United Methodist Women creates, supports and partners with mission projects and mission personnel around the world. With your Love Offering you help relieve suffering and create opportunities that make the world a better place for women, children and youth.

Individual or Unit Love Offerings can be...

- Brought to Annual Meeting, September 6-8 for the Saturday morning offering
- Mailed to: Julia Willis, WNCC UMW Treasurer
8833 NC Hwy 22 North
Climax, NC 27233-8225
- Donated On-Line at www.wnccumw.org, 2013 Conference Love Offering (click on “more information” to go to the Love Offering page; click the DONATE Now button)

Love Offerings will be accepted until December 1st via mail or online.

Gift to Mission Cards

Some NEW cards are now available...*Thinking of You, Birthday and Christmas*. Visit Program Resources at Annual Meeting and at Officer Training to purchase Gift to Mission cards for a minimum donation of \$5 each. With proper paperwork, your card purchases at Conference events will be credited to your local unit.

Finance Committee Meeting – August 3 – Brooks-Howell Home, Asheville

District Treasurers and Assistants from ALL eight districts should plan to attend this meeting. Our major business will be approval of District Pledges/Budgets and the creation of a Conference 2014 Pledge and A&MD Budget to present for approval at Annual Meeting. We will also decide on a 2014 Love Offering Theme and Conference Financial Goal.

Officer Training – October 12 – St Luke’s UMC, Hickory

All continuing and incoming District Treasurers and Assistants should plan to attend this training. Important information will be shared concerning your office, changes in remittances and transition to a new Conference Treasurer.

Conference Finance Goal – 2013

To Exceed our Total Conference Pledge to Mission Giving

Your Conference Love Offering and personal pledge to your local unit are vital to our conference meeting its \$820,500 Pledge. Districts are still struggling to get ALL their local units under the NEW District structure. So please make an extra effort to meet your local unit pledge and supplement with a nice Love Offering and/or additional Mission Giving to the five channels such as Gift to Mission cards and Special Mission Recognition Pins. It’s time to consider SMR (Special Mission Recognition) for outgoing officers or special persons your unit or individuals want to honor...perhaps as a Christmas gift! Order/delivery of SMRs has improved, so you should have them in approximately 30 days.

Hope to see you at Annual Meeting in September.

Annual MeetingSave Money.....Register Early!

Please remember to register at www.wnccumw.org

Early online registration is available now thru August 26, 2013 (cost is \$11).

There will be on-site registration at Lake Junaluska on September 6, 7 and 8 (cost is \$20).

For separate housing reservations at Lake Junaluska, call the reservations department at 1-800-222-4930.

Chair, Committee on Nominations – Lisa Bacon

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2014 Proposed Slate of Officers for the WNC Conference UMW

The Committee on Nominations is pleased to submit the following proposed slate of officers for 2014 for the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women.

Nominees for a two-year term 2014-2015

President: Tonya Lanier (Yadkin Valley)
Vice President: Julia Willis (Northern Piedmont)
Secretary: Elizabeth Lookabill (Uwharrie)
Treasurer: Martha Phillips (Appalachian)
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth: Sandy Hieronymus (Metro)
Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach: Jatana Royster (Metro)
Mission Coordinator for Social Action: Renee Hayes (Northern Piedmont)
Secretary of Program Resources: Ann Aldridge (Catawba Valley)
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations: Kim Keyse (Northern Piedmont)

Nominees for a four-year term 2014-2017

Committee on Nominations--Class of 2017:

Betty Durham (Northern Piedmont)
Faye Everhart (Yadkin Valley)

Nominees for Charter for Racial Justice Committee for a two-year term 2014-2015

Rebecca Wright (Northern Piedmont)
Jo Pyatt (Blue Ridge)

Secretary – Elizabeth Lookabill

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Can you believe the year is half gone? It seems every year goes by faster than the year before. UMW is having a wonderful year. The Spiritual Growth Retreat was so uplifting and everyone went away feeling so much closer to God.

We are coming up on our Conference Annual Meeting very soon and your Conference Team is hard at work. Our own Joy Prim will be our Mission Speaker. We are going to have a hands-on mission project which will be filling cleaning buckets. We will be filling these buckets on-site. Many other wonderful things will be happening. Now that we have been re-constructed, our theme this year is "*Moving On.*" Registration has already started online and that will only take you a few minutes. You don't want to miss this.

A mission moment from *Response* Magazine: "Love your neighbor, welcome the stranger."

No matter what is done, the message was clear at United Methodist Women Legislative Day: Do something to love your neighbor and welcome the stranger.

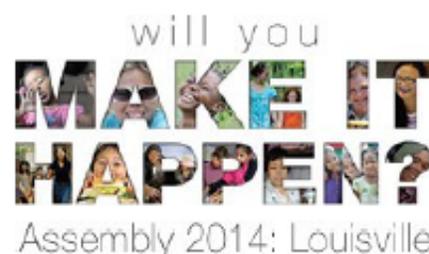
As South Carolina state legislator Ronnie A. Sabb of Greeleyville told the crowd, "Martin Luther King, Jr. made it clear years ago that a threat to justice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. When we look at those kinds of issues, they deserve our full attention." Blessing and peace to you.

Annual Meeting Mission Project – UMCOR Cleaning Buckets

Join an "assembly line" to package 200 UMCOR Cleaning Buckets on Saturday from 3:00 – 4:30pm. These buckets consist of cleaning and disinfectant supplies packaged in 5-gallon plastic buckets. Once assembled, they will be shipped to areas affected by flooding, hurricanes and other natural disasters. Each District has been asked to bring two items. District Presidents have sent information to all Local Units. Come and lend a hand!

Assembly 2014 Make It Happen!

Kentucky International Convention Center
Louisville, Kentucky
April 25 - April 27, 2014
(With pre-conference events April 24)



United Methodist Women assemble every four years to celebrate, to lift up, to learn, and to return to their communities better equipped for mission.

Assembly 2014 has been themed: **Make it Happen!: Turning Faith, Hope and Love into Action.** The 2014 Assembly will focus on: Giving Voice to the Individual, Connecting for Action, Practicing Radical Welcome, and Supporting United Methodist Women Strategically. This vision statement offers building blocks that build from the individual to connecting with our partners and one another to welcoming women from different ages, races, languages and cultures. It also challenges us to consider how we support the work of United Methodist Women now and into the future.

It is an exciting experience to be part of this large gathering of United Methodist Women. Make plans to join us in Louisville!

Learn more about
Assembly 2014 at:
www.assembly2014.org
Look there for:
Registration Information
Assembly Schedule
Worship & Experience Hall
Pre-conference Events
Promotional Resources to
share with your local unit
YouTube Videos...And More!

Travel Information for the Western North Carolina Conference



Chartered Bus Trip:
Louisville Here We Come!
April 23 - April 28, 2014

Mark your calendar and plan to go with us!
Exciting Details and Reservation Form on Back!!

Registration for Assembly 2014

Register for the Assembly **ONLINE** at www.assembly2014.org. The Assembly 2014 registration fee is \$225.00 per person if you register **ONLINE** on or before November 30, 2013. After that date, the registration fee goes up to \$260.00. Register early to take advantage of the discount! If you need assistance with online registration, contact Lynne Gilbert (336-207-3479) or Sara Williams (336-699-8079). Note: No meals are included in the Assembly registration fee.

Louisville Hotel Reservations - Non-Bus Passengers



We have arranged a protected block of rooms for Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women at **The Galt House** in downtown Louisville. The Galt House is connected by covered walkway (2 blocks) to the Kentucky International Convention Center. The room rate is \$132.30 (including tax) per night, plus a \$3.00 handling fee.

Persons not travelling on the bus trip should contact Lynne Gilbert (336-207-3479) or Sara Williams (336-699-8079) to reserve rooms in our Western North Carolina block. **DO NOT contact The Galt House.** Reservations for these block rooms must be made by October 31, 2013, and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$135.30 per room. The balance for remaining room charges will be due by January 31, 2014. Checks should be made payable to Treasurer, WNCU-UMW. Mail payments to Lynne Gilbert, PO Box 4523, Greensboro, NC 27404.

Watch for Additional Information on our Conference Website
(Bus trip information and the reservation form are available on the website)
Web Address: www.wncumw.org

ASSEMBLY 2014: **Make It Happen!**

April 23 - April 28, 2014 - Louisville, Kentucky

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
LOUISVILLE...HERE WE COME!
BUS TRIP RESERVATION FORM



Bus Departure Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2014
Bus Return Date: Monday, April 28, 2014

BUS TRIP ITINERARY: (Deluxe Chartered Bus Transportation by HOLIDAY TOURS)

Wed., April 23	Morning departures from pick-up points across the conference; Lunch on the road; Early evening arrival at The Galt House in Louisville, KY.
Thurs., April 24	On your own in Louisville. You might choose to pre-register & participate in the Ubuntu Day of Service (See Assembly registration information)
Fri., April 25	On your own in Louisville. Check in at the Assembly registration desks, browse the Assembly Experience Hall, or browse downtown Louisville. Opening plenary is expected to begin at 7:00PM. (Doors should open around 6:00PM.)
Sun., April 27	Meeting ends around 12:00 Noon; Departure immediately following meeting conclusion; Lunch on the road; Dinner & overnight in Corbin, KY.
Mon., April 28	Return home to pick-up points across the Western NC Conference

Bus Package Prices (Per Person)	
\$ 660.00	Double Room
\$ 555.00	Triple Room
\$ 500.00	Quad Room
\$ 965.00	Single Room

The bus trip package price includes: Deluxe bus transportation provided by Holiday Tours, five nights lodging (Wednesday night April 23rd thru Sunday night April 27th), certain meals while traveling (1 deluxe continental breakfast, 3 lunches, 1 dinner). Important note: The trip price includes 4 hotel nights in Louisville during the Assembly at The Galt House. Passengers do not need to make any separate hotel reservations. ALL nights are included in the bus package price.

The bus trip package price **DOES NOT** include the Assembly Registration Fee. Register for the Assembly **ONLINE** at www.assembly2014.org. The Assembly 2014 registration fee is \$225.00 per person if you register **ONLINE** on or before November 30, 2013. After that date, the registration fee goes up to \$260.00. Register early to take advantage of the discount! If you need assistance with online registration, contact Lynne Gilbert or Sara Williams for assistance. Note: No meals are included in the Assembly registration fee. Links to Assembly online registration & other information are available on our website at: www.wnccumw.org.

Complete and return the form below, along with a \$400 deposit, by October 31, 2013.

(A separate form and \$400 deposit is required for each person making a reservation.)

Make your reservations early! Bus reservations will be accepted in the order they are received until seating capacity is reached.

Payment of the balance will be due by January 31, 2014.

There will be no refunds for cancellations after February 28, 2014.

TOUR COORDINATORS: Questions? Contact one of the tour coordinators.	Lynne Gilbert	(H) 336-207-3479; (C) 336-207-3479	lynnegilbert@bellsouth.net
	Sara Williams	(H) 336-699-8079; (C) 336-469-1344	sarawill@yadtel.net

Name (For Nametag): _____ Home Phone #: _____
Please Print Clearly

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Lodging for Wednesday Night, April 23rd thru Sunday Night, April 27th. (Please check one, and fill in roommates as appropriate)

- Double Room \$ 660.00/person **Make \$400 deposit check payable to: Treasurer, WNCC-UMW**
- Triple Room \$ 555.00/person Roommate(s): _____ Please send all
- Quad Room \$ 500.00/person _____ roommate forms
- Single Room \$ 965.00/person _____ together.

Mail this form and your deposit check to: Lynne Gilbert, PO Box 4523, Greensboro, NC 27404-4523

Complete and return this form no later than October 31, 2013.



Mission Coordinator Spiritual Growth – Sandy Hieronymus
sandyh46@aol.com

Annual Meeting is a time of worship, renewal, fellowship as well as business. We celebrate all we have accomplished in United Methodist Women and look with hope to the future. We celebrate communion and honor our departed sisters-in-Christ during a memorial service on Sunday. We are "Moving On" as our theme suggests. It is always inspiring to be at Lake Junaluska. Hope to see all 900+ of you who attended the Spiritual Growth Retreat back again.

If your local unit has not had its annual *Call to Prayer and Self-Denial* service, it is not too late. Units may have this service at any time during the year. The 2013 theme is "Living the Heart of God." Half of the funds will go to national projects; the other half will support international projects.

Remember to use the *Prayer Calendar* at your meetings as well as privately. Look for ways in the Mission Today criteria to get credit for using and sharing the *Prayer Calendar*.

Plan to attend your district and conference events each year. It is always a joy for me to see my UMW friends at these gatherings. We celebrate together being UMW sisters-in-Christ.

Mission Coordinator Education and Interpretation – Rebecca Wright
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“Extraordinary” is the word I know that is fitting to explain the commitment and service of the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women. At the Spiritual Growth Retreat, we responded not only to the call for hands-on mission kits, but also lending assistance with boxing and counting kits, and loading them into the Mission Response Center truck. Thank you very much for all that you did; we are a 'TEAM.' We collected 1,565 birthing kits, 366 health kits, 30 cleaning buckets, 45 school kits, 47 sewing kits, 2 bedding kits. That translates to about \$22,315.50 in mission money given by our conference. We appreciate Response Center Director Dwaine Morgan for his assistance during this time.

Secretary of Program Resources – Ann Aldridge
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Greetings, my UMW Sisters,

Have you seen “Shaping the Next Ten Years, the Heart of the Strategic Plan for United Methodist Women?” It reminds us that our vision is “turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.” A part of living that vision is to “provide educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world.” The complete 2010 – 2020 United Methodist Women Strategic Plan is available online at <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/about/mission/vision/>

An opportunity for an “education experience” is our Conference Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska September 6-8. Our mission speakers are Joy Prim (one of our own), and Janet Reep Morgan who will share “Mission at Work” with us. Online registration is available through August 8 for only \$11 per person. Remember, if you do not use a computer yourself, there are plenty of women who would be delighted to register you and help you save \$9 that you can use for Mission Giving (you see, onsite registration is \$20).

I just learned that the 2014 Program Book and the 2014 Reading Program books are to be available online September 1st. I will do everything I can to have some of those materials for you at Conference Annual Meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance in helping you to KEEP READING! Blessings.



Historian – Patricia Settle
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“The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church”.

At Annual Meeting we come together as a conference to conduct business, worship, share resources, get acquainted with those that are new to United Methodist Women, meet old friends, and to celebrate.

Our **PURPOSE** came alive in 2012 in Western North Carolina Conference. Again in 2012 our conference of United Methodist Women gave \$1,037,487.55 for mission. This is the 12th consecutive year that Western North Carolina has been the **NUMBER ONE** Conference in the nation in mission giving.

We celebrate chartering of new units, local unit visitation, hands-on mission projects, legislative events, reading programs, education, and those events that focused on our Conference priority to **REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE IN POVERTY** where your local units and districts were active participants.

Come to Annual meeting to experience the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women. Peace and Love.



Mission Coordinator for Social Action – Martha Phillips
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Ladies,

We are approaching the time when the accomplishments of 2012 will be celebrated in our District Annual Meetings and Conference Annual Meeting, September 6-8, 2013. Each district will recognize their Justice Today units and the Conference will honor the recipient of the Social Action Award at Lake Junaluska in September. A Legislative workshop is scheduled for Saturday afternoon at Annual Meeting. Advocacy for legislation and promoting issues of justice in our communities and churches will be discussed. I hope that those of you who missed Legislative Day in May will consider attending this workshop. Advocacy can be intimidating without the right set of tools. In this workshop you will get these tools and be prepared to communicate with your legislators, perhaps write a letter to the editor, and provide training in your local units and churches. Many of us say we wish we could do something meaningful to help alleviate injustice. After this workshop, you will be prepared to “Move On” in advocacy!

Each year we need to refresh our understanding of and commitment to the Charter for Racial Justice. On our website, www.wnccumw.org, are the criteria for being a Justice Today Unit (Mission Today criteria #6 and #7). This subject makes a wonderful program for your unit using the Charter for Racial Justice and the new UMW Racial Justice Timeline. The Timeline is a free resource that you can get from Program Resources or you can pick it up at a UMW event.

The Rev. Mark Whitley of Oklahoma stated that social justice must be lived, even in small ways, each and every day. “Social justice is nothing more and nothing less than *God’s divine will* realized in human society,” he wrote in an article in his conference newspaper. We can realize *God’s will* when we equip ourselves with the resources that UMW provides. Come to the workshop, study the Charter for Racial Justice, and let’s MOVE ON! Peace, Martha

Are you planning to participate in the processional at Annual Meeting?
Please attend the rehearsal on Friday at 3:00pm in Stuart Auditorium.
Bring a colorful scarf! All are welcome!

SCHOLARSHIP FACTS

Frequently Asked Questions about the Scholarship Program which is Administered by WNCC UMW:

1. What is the Scholarship Program?

The Scholarship Program assists persons who are pursuing an academic course leading to a church-related vocation. Records indicate that United Methodist Women started providing scholarships as early as the 1940's to deserving students who were preparing to be spiritual leaders in the United Methodist Church.

2. Who can apply?

Persons who are members of the United Methodist Church and live within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference.

3. What college must I attend?

Persons must be enrolled in one of the five Methodist-related colleges in WNCC – Bennett College in Greensboro, Brevard University in Brevard, Greensboro University in Greensboro, High Point University in High Point, and Pfeiffer University in Misenheimer or Charlotte.

4. How do I apply?

Request an application packet from the Chair of the Scholarship committee. Return it to her by March 1st. Participate in interviews with the committee which will be scheduled in late April.

5. How is the Scholarship supported?

The scholarship Program is funded by seven endowed scholarship funds.

6. How can I contribute to the Scholarship Fund?

Contributions to the General Scholarship fund are encouraged. Scholarships can be endowed at any time. With more contributions to the General Scholarship Fund and more endowed scholarships, we can assist more students. This is a wonderful way to assist those called to answer God's call in various ways.

If you have questions, wish to contribute to or endow a scholarship, or need an application, please contact:

Patricia Gilbert patgilbert@bellsouth.net

4005 Mooresville Road

Salisbury, NC 28147

Phone: 704-633-6361

New This Year at Annual Meeting!

Envisioning the Future: Brainstorming Sessions

Saturday, morning 8:00 am – 8:30 am, share your thoughts on moving UMW forward. Iboomers will meet with Ginger Hightower under the tent and the KeenAgers will join Betty Jo Hardy in the Susan Todd Lounge (Upper Level of Harrell Center). Prepare to give your open and honest opinion on how the WNCC UMW can meet your spiritual needs while promoting our PURPOSE.

Workshops

Two workshops will be offered on Saturday, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, **Mission in a Modern World**, led by Joy Prim, and **Tools for Advocacy**, led by Martha Phillips. Both of these workshops will be held in the Terrace Hotel.

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PURPOSE of United Methodist Women

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

2013 Upcoming Dates:

September 6-8

Annual Meeting, Lake Junaluska

October 12

Leader Development, St. Luke's – Hickory

October 19

UBUNTU Day of Service (online registration opens August 1)

(See website for more info: www.wnccumw.org)



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Mission Giving

Love Offerings

Conference Love Offerings are above and beyond District and individual pledges. Such undesignated offerings are applied toward the Conference Pledge and become part of the monies used by Women's Division to create and support projects around the world to better the lives of women, children and youth.

You may bring your individual Love Offering or your unit's Love Offering to WNCC UMW Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska, or send it directly to:

Julia Willis, Conference Treasurer

8833 NC Hwy 22 North

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Please make checks payable to:

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On-Line Love Offerings can be made on our web site, www.wnccumw.org. Just click on the "DONATE NOW" icon in the Love Offering section by Dec 31st.

(Do NOT send your Love Offering to your District Treasurer!)

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A Gift to Mission in Honor of the
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Annual Meeting
Lake Junaluska, NC
September 6-8, 2013

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Eight is GREAT...Eight is ENOUGH!!!



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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Western North Carolina Conference

- What:** 40th Annual Meeting
A Celebration of United Methodist Women
- When:** September 6, 7 & 8, 2013
- Where:** Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium
- Theme:** Moving On!

Annual Meeting Registration:

(Begins June 17, 2013)

- On-site registration at Lake Junaluska - \$20.00 per person
- **Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE!** Online advance registration, June 17, 2013 through August 26, 2013 is only \$11.00 per person! Use the online registration link on our website at www.wnccumw.org.
- **Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable.** If you pre-register and are unable to attend, your registration fee is not refundable, but someone else can attend in your place.
- **Register yourself AND others!** Our online registration offers the opportunity for you to register up to 35 guests at the same time that you do your own registration. Help other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer!
- **DO NOT** mail Annual Meeting registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have a question about registration.

Celebration Highlights:

Mission Speaker: Joy Prim, Mission Intern. Joy Prim is currently serving in Long Beach, California as a Mission Intern with the General Board of Global Ministries, working with the Filipino Migrant Centre to assist with labor, immigration and human trafficking cases for caregivers and domestic workers. She served her first 18 months of the three year Mission Intern program in Hong Kong, working as a case officer with migrant workers. Joy is from Yadkinville, NC, a graduate of Pfeiffer University, and a proud member of United Methodist Women!



Joy Prim

Music Leaders: Jane & Jim Smith
Susan Lisle

Hands-On Mission: Gift to Mission Cards and UMCOR Relief Kits

Mission at Work: Presentation by Janet Reep Morgan

Other highlights:

- Lunch with our missionaries
- Cleaning Bucket Assembly
- Brainstorming sessions
- Late Night Entertainment
- Sunday School
- Singing at the Cross
- UMW Choir
- Sharing from our National Mission Institutions: Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte & Winston-Salem, Bennett College, and Pfeiffer University
- And...much, much more!

Hostess District: Blue Ridge

Join Us at the Lake!

Complete information about
Annual Meeting
is available on our website:
www.wnccumw.org

Mark your calendar!
Register ONLINE!

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Lake Junaluska
Conference & Retreat
Center, Lake Junaluska, NC

Reservations Phone #:

1-800-222-4930 (Toll Free)
1-828-452-2881

**Lake Junaluska
Reservations:**

**Housing Reservations
Open June 17, 2013**

To book Lake Junaluska
lodging for the
Annual Meeting:

- **Call the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 1-800-222-4930.** Then select 1 for the Reservations Department, and the next available agent will be glad to assist you. The Lake Junaluska reservations team is on duty from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.
- **All reservations must be made this year by calling the reservations department. There will be no online housing reservations for this event.**



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2013 Annual Meeting

September 6-8, 2013 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

The Terrace Hotel or Lambuth Inn

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, elevator)
Rates are per person, per day, room & meals.

	Room	Meals*	Total
Single	\$88	\$30	\$118
Double	\$54	\$30	\$84
Triple	\$37	\$30	\$67
Quad	\$31	\$30	\$61

*Lake Junaluska operates The Terrace and Lambuth on an American Plan, and meals are required with the room.

Lakeside Lodge

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, no elevator)
Rates are per person, per day, no meals.

Single	\$70
Double	\$41
Triple	\$31
Quad	\$25

Mountainview or Sunnyside Lodge

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, no phone, TV)
Rates are per person, per day, no meals.

Single	\$58
Double	\$36
Triple	\$28
Quad	\$25

Junaluska Apartments

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, no phone, no TV)
Rates are per person, per day, no meals.

Single	\$58	Quad	\$25
Double	\$36	Quintuplet	\$22.80
Triple	\$28	Sextuplet	\$21.33

Plus \$14 per additional person

Apartments are furnished with linens and blankets. Type A, C, & D have kitchens with small refrigerators, counter top burner, microwave, and limited equipment and dishes.

Lake Junaluska Lodging Information:

The minimum deposit for all Lake Junaluska facilities is \$35 per person. Reservations are not confirmed until deposit is received. Deposits must be received or room(s) will be released. In order to cancel a confirmed reservation, a **cancellation request must be made 30 days prior to arrival date to receive a refund of the deposit less a \$15 per person processing fee.** Deposits are on an individual basis; for group or family reservations in which individuals do not attend, the deposit will not be refunded or allowed to apply against charges for those who come. **Check in at all facilities is 3:00pm; check out is 11:00am.**

Meal Information:

The room rate that shows on your confirmation letter is the room rate only, meals are an additional cost. Meals are optional for all facilities other than the Terrace Hotel or the Lambuth Inn. Guests staying in optional meal facilities may purchase a 3 meal package at the same cost of \$30.00 per person for each 3 consecutive meals, or individual meals can be purchased: \$9.00 for breakfast, \$11.00 for lunch and \$13.00 for dinner. Children 6 through 11 years of age receive meals at half price, 5 years of age and under eat free. **Meal package of \$30.00 per person, per day will automatically be added for each person staying in the Terrace Hotel or the Lambuth Inn.**